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SUBJECT: REACTION TO SECRETARY'S HOUSTON SPEECH

1. SECRETARY'S HOUSTON SPEECH RECEIVED WIDE MEDIA COVERAGE IN PORT-AU-PRINCE, AND THE SEMI-OFFICIAL LE NOUVEAU MONDE ON MARCH 3 GAVE ITS OWN LENGTHY AND REASONABLY ACCURATE SUMMARY OF WHAT IT TERMED "AN IMPORTANT SPEECH." FOLLOWING THE SUMMARY, LE NOUVEAU MONDE MADE THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS IN PRAISE OF HAITI'S OWN POSITIONS ON CUBAN SANCTIONS (GOH ABSTAINED AT QUITO), THE CANAL ZONE (LIMITED SUPPORT FOR PANAMA), NATURAL RESOURCES (GOH FOLLOWED THE JAMAICAN FORMULA ON BAUXITE), AND THE OVERRIDING NEED TO AVOID DAMAGING CONFRONTATIONS WITHIN THE PAN AMERICAN FAMILY.

2. QUOTE IN THE POLITICAL DEBATES A PROPOS OF CUBA, HAITI ALIGNED HERSELF WITH THE PRINCIPLES OF THE RIO CHARTER AND THE RULE OF THE SPECIAL MAJORITY. FAITHFUL TO TRADITION, IT WILL NOT BE SURPRISING THAT HAITI SUPPORTS THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL SOVEREIGNTY IN THE QUARREL OVER THE CANAL ZONE. REGARDING NATURAL RESOURCES, HAITI HAS OPTED FOR THEIR PROTECTION AND THEIR SAFEGUARDING.

3. QUOTE NEITHER SIDE OF THE RIO GRANDE CAN REPROACH HAITI

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FOR HAVING VIOLATED THE FUNDAMENTAL PRINCIPLES OF INTERNATIONAL

LIFE, AND ON THE QUESTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES, HAVING PROPOSED
NOTHING THAT WAS NOT LEGITIMATE, HAITI FINDS HERSELF IN A CONFORTABLE
POSITION THAT SHE CAN EXPLOIT IN DEPTH, HOPING THAT THIS WILL
BE TAKEN INTO CONSIDERATION OF GOOD FAITH AND GOOD WILL ARE
FINALLY TO PREVAIL IN AMERICA. THESE ARE SOME OF THE CONSIDERATIONS
AFFECTING HAITI THAT FLOW FROM THE HISTORIC HOUSTON SPEECH.
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